



Federal Emergency Management Agency

Washington, D.C. 20472

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Dear [REDACTED]:

This letter is in response to your November 30, 2000, letter regarding the mapping of flood hazards of the Congaree River in Lexington and Richland Counties, South Carolina. Specifically, you asked that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) confirm that an appeal was received from [REDACTED] and has been considered in the final flood hazard mapping.

Please be assured that we have received information from [REDACTED], which has been and will continue to be considered in resolving appeals to the proposed flood hazard maps of the Congaree River. Specifically we received a letter dated December 13, 1999, and a letter dated December 29, 2000, from [REDACTED]. Both of these letters included numerous enclosures.

Both of [REDACTED] letters enclosed a report prepared by [REDACTED]. Because [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are putting forth identical technical arguments and have submitted their data together, we are considering their letters as a single appeal.

I trust that this letter satisfies your request for clarification. If you have further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Doug Bellomo of my staff at (202) 646-2903, or by facsimile at (202) 646-4596.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michael Buckley", is written over a large, stylized loop.

Michael K. Buckley, P.E., Director
Technical Services Division
Mitigation Directorate

cc: FEMA Region IV Office